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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR SHORT SUPPLY ACTIONS

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1. ON APRIL 19 ECON OFFICER DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF
INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES TO GOVERN EXPORT CONTROLS WITH
JEAN SCHLEICH, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SCHLEICH INDICATED THAT HE COULD
GIVE ONLY AN INFORMAL PERSONAL RESPONSE TO OUR QUES-
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TIONS BUT THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH

OTHER MFA STAFF MEMBERS ONCE THEY RETURNED FROM
EASTER VACATION.

2. SCHLEICH STRESSED THE RELIANCE AND IMPORTANCE WHICH
THE GOL, AS A SMALL OPEN ECONOMY (EXPORTS
AND IMPORTS EACH EQUAL MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF GNP) PLACES
UPON AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM. HE REASONED THAT AN INTER-
NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE USE OF EXPORT RESTRAINTS WOULD
BE WELCOMED BY THE GOL IF SUCH AGREEMENTS COULD GUARANTEE
IMPORT SUPPLIES UPON WHICH THE LUXEMBOURG ECONOMY IS SO
DEPENDENT.

3. SCHLEICH ALSO NOTED THAT THE US'S PRESENT CONCERN WITH
EXPORT CONTROLS CONCENTRATED ON CONTROLS USED TO CONSERVE
SUPPLIES BUT THAT GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON EXPORT CONTROLS
PRESUMABLY WOULD ALSO APPLY TO SO-CALLED VOLUNTARY EXPORT
RESTRAINTS. HE WONDERED HOW THE US PROPOSED TO TREAT
THESE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A GENERAL
AGREEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROLS. (NOTE: LUXEMBOURG COOPERATES
IN THE VOLUNTARY STEEL EXPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM AND ALSO
PARTICIPATES IN BENELUX ATTEMPTS TO ENCOURAGE THE JAPANESE
TO VOLUNTARILY LIMIT THE EXPORT OF ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
TO THE BENELUX COUNTRIES.)

4. SCHLEICH ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE OECD WOULD
BE THE BEST FORUM IN WHICH TO CONSIDER GENERAL PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING EXPORT CONTROLS AND ACCESS COMMITMENTS. ACTUAL
NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL ACCORD COULD
BE PURSUED IN THE GATT ONCE THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN EXPLORED
IN THE OECD. FARKAS

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